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**Jugoslovenska scena st. 14.**

# Crisis for Hellas



Fair tackle or foul? Footscray's Jim Kondaros brings down former Essendon Croatia forward, Craig Wallace, now of Brisbane Lions, in Footscray's 3-1 victory at Olympic Park last Sunday. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

## Gutendorf likes tough Baxter

National coach Rudi Gutendorf is considering a possible centre back partnership of Tony Henderson (Marconi) and Stuart Baxter (South Melbourne) for the new Socceroos team.



• Tony Palumbo  
**APIA gets \$90,000**

Vanguard Insurance, a member of the world-wide General group, will sponsor APIA for a three-year period, with a minimum guarantee of \$90,000 which could be more than doubled under an incentive scheme.

Elected APIA president, Nick Papello, is confident that the basic sponsorship of \$30,000 a year for a period of three years only marks the beginning of a money-making process.

"We want to introduce a new concept in soccer sponsorship," Mr Papello said. "An APIA supporters' insurance policy will be marketed, covering our members. I expect this to net us an additional bonus, possibly as much as \$200,000."

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He is also considering Footscray's Joe Picioane as the Socceroos' central mid-fielder.

However, Gutendorf stressed that at this stage, the players would be invited only to attend a trial. "It is up to them to prove their ability, their dedication, their ambition," he said during his current visit to Melbourne.

He said that former national coach Tony Boggi, now with Juventus, would be his right-hand man in Victoria.

"Tony will run training sessions every Wednesday for the Victorian players I choose for the national squad," Gutendorf said.

Boggi coached Australia in 1975 for matches against Glasgow Rangers, Manchester United, Benfica and China.

Gutendorf's assistant in Sydney is former star player Lee Baumgartner. "I will ask Johnny Warren to join us as well," he said.

He added he would ask former South Australian State coach Edmund Kreft to be his assistant in Adelaide.

Gutendorf said he was impressed with Baxter's aerial ability and his toughness. "He is only 25 years old, and he showed a lot of courage in playing against Canberra despite a broken nose on Sunday."

"This is the type of wood from which I want to carve the national team. Baxter would be a good stopper, so I would also need a good libero capable of starting attacks from behind. Henderson of Marconi is a classy player and he could be the man to fill that role.

I am also considering Peter Wilson.

The Footscray left back, Zdravko Lujic, is another classy player I will try out".

A redistribution of points gained by South Melbourne would

## NEW PROPOSAL TO SAVE MILAN

Marconi was this week considering a new proposal that could save the proposed tour by Italy's leading club, AC Milan.

Marconi wanted to play against Milan in Sydney but under a ruling of the Australian Soccer Federation, Philips League clubs are not allowed to play against visiting teams mid-season.

The ASF then suggested that if Marconi wanted to make sure Milan comes to Sydney, Marconi and perhaps APIA should underwrite the costs involved.

In return, the clubs would get a percentage of any profit.

Milan's opponent would be the NSW State team or the Socceroos.

Marconi soccer president Tony Labbozzetta had been considering the proposal.

Meanwhile, English club Norwich City is standing by to tour Australia in May for about \$6000 a game.

Norwich features former English international Martin Peters who will play guest games for Victorian club Frankston City this year.

Milan's tour was put in jeopardy when the NSW Federation, which was to have taken one of the matches, withdrew because it was afraid of losing money. The NSW Federation was to have paid a match fee of \$45,000.

Marconi was willing to take the match and pay the fee but was prevented from doing so by the ASF ruling.

The ruling against PSL clubs playing against touring teams mid-season also affects Heidelberg's plans to arrange a tour by AEK Athens.

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## POINTS DEDUCTION SPELLS DISASTER

Philips League club South Melbourne Hellas was expected at the time we went to press to lose three competition points for playing an unregistered player.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary Brian le Fevre said South Melbourne used left back Tony Turner in three league matches although:

- Turner was not cleared by his club or by the English Football Association;
- He was not cleared by the ASF to play in Australia and
- He had not been issued with a registration number or a registration card to play in the Philips League.

Mr le Fevre said that as recently as Friday morning, the English FA had sent the ASF a letter saying that Turner was not cleared.

The cable had been requested by the ASF to clarify Turner's status.

Mr le Fevre said Turner's former club, Hedleston United from the West Midlands League, had complained directly to the ASF and presumably to the English FA about Turner.

Mr le Fevre said Hedleston apparently wanted a 1000 pound transfer fee for Turner.

The ASF had a letter delivered to South Melbourne by courier last Friday, asking the club to show cause why it should not lose the three points it had gained to that time.

The points were for a 1-0 win against Sydney Olympic and a 2-2 draw with Heidelberg.

Turner was left out of the team that drew 1-1 with Canberra last Sunday.

Mr le Fevre said the PSL management committee was the body with the responsibility of taking any action against South Melbourne.

He said that if the ASF considered such action insufficient, it had the power to increase the penalty or to impose a penalty where none has been imposed.

Mr le Fevre said it appeared that all Turner had when he came to Australia about four months ago was a letter from his club saying that the club had cancelled his contract. Mr le Fevre said this did not remove the necessity for a proper transfer, a clearance from the English FA and issue of a registration number and card by the Philips League.

South Melbourne manager-coach Dave MacLaren said the confusion was the result of a "misunderstanding" between Turner and Hedleston.

"There was a private financial agreement between the club and the player which apparently had not been met," MacLaren said.

"That's the reason the club protested to the ASF. However, Turner has since spoken to Hedleston officials by phone and the problem between the two has been resolved," he claimed.

"South Melbourne acted in good faith and if there was any difficulty with his clearance, one would think that we would have been told soon after he joined us, not at this late stage."

A redistribution of points gained by South Melbourne would

result in Sydney Olympic being given back the two points it lost to Souths and Heidelberg being granted one point it lost in its 2-2 draw.

Presumably, goals scored by South Melbourne in those games would be removed, while goals scored against the club would stand.

Olympic would jump from seventh to second position with six points, Heidelberg would move from ninth to fourth place with five points, and South Melbourne, with one point, would tumble to last position.

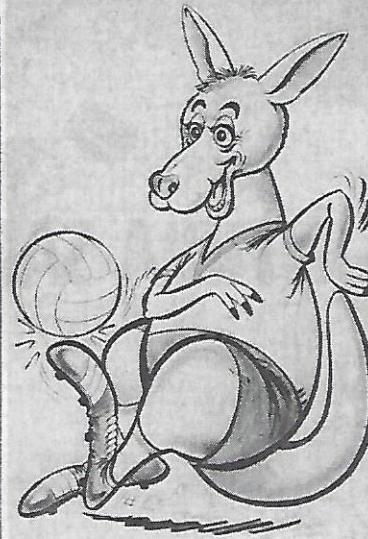


Brian le Fevre



Tony Turner

## COMING SOON



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## Wilson leaving

Victorian State League club Altona City was stunned this week when coach Joe Wilson announced he is leaving Australia.

Wilson, the longest-serving coach in the State League, leaves the country on May 18 for England, where he and his family will live permanently.

Altona expects to appoint a successor to the popular Wilson within two weeks.

"The family and I came here six years ago," said Wilson, "and for the past 12 months we've been thinking of going back home. We got a little homesick, and decided we would have a go at re-settling."

Before coming to Australia Wilson played with Wolves and Nottingham Forest, and was player/manager of Workington.

# Gutendorf seeks explosiveness

National coach Rudi Gutendorf is looking for players with a special gift as he currently travels the country in search of talent for his national team.

What Gutendorf seeks are skilful players with explosive, dynamic qualities.

The player in Australia who most epitomises the qualities the national coach is looking for is **Mark Jankovics**.

Gutendorf did not tell me this, but I do know that it is dynamic players he wants for his national squad and there is no more dynamic player currently playing in Australia than **Jankovics**.

All coaches have a preference for a certain style of player and a certain team style.

Usually a team will reflect a coach's own personality.

A composed, even-tempered coach will usually produce a team that plays to his own temperament.

Sydney City, with its dethroned **Gerry Chaldi**, is a classic example of this.

Manchester United, under its dynamic extroverted manager **Tommy Docherty**, played a totally different, swashbuckling style, to that which is played under the management of his successor the reflective **Dave Sexton**.

Gutendorf, himself a dynamic, aggressive, and driving personality, obviously admires those qualities in the players he selects.

This can have a profound

effect on the chances of players seeking selection in the national team.

Take the two Adelaide teams.

West Adelaide has two gifted, dynamic midfielders in **Peter Boyle** and **Noel McGachey**.

They play to the explosive direct pattern that has characterised West Adelaide teams for several years.

On the other hand Adelaide City has played a cultured, composed style in recent years.

Its midfielders, **John Perin** and **Gary Marocchi**, have typified that style. The edge in national team selection will favour the West Adelaide pair.

Similarly, at Heidelberg you have the talented and composed **Branko Bulevic** in the same front line as the aggressive, explosive running striker **Gary Cole**.

Gutendorf is an intelligent man and obviously will not be totally dogmatic on the style of players he prefers.

Indeed, he has said that he is impressed by the mercurial little winger, **Joe Watson**, a man who relies mainly on sheer skill, with few of the athletic qualities which Gutendorf seeks in conjunction with skill.

Success comes to players and teams with varying styles.

APIA's **Jim Adam** likes "explosive" players best.

He inherited such a team at West Adelaide and we know the result.

The current APIA team will play to Adam's preferred style.

Sydney City won the first Philips League championship with beautiful touch-soccer, delicate yet effective.

That is how **Gerry Chaldi** likes his teams to play.

Coaches have different personalities, so do teams.

Thank God for that.

It would be dull to see every team play the classical style Soccer displayed by Sydney City.

Just as a boxing bout between two stylists can be extremely dull, the same can happen in a soccer game.

The Australian national team under Rudi Gutendorf will not play to the classic mould, just as it did not under

the dour, aggressive **Ray Basic**.

It might, if it were coached by **Gerry Chaldi** or **Raul Blanco**.

Style does not guarantee success. What does is the effectiveness of the players and the coach working to the style they prefer.

Australia under Gutendorf will be organised, hard working, dynamic and hopefully skilful.

In the search for explosive fitness some coaches overtrain their players.

This possibly happened to Gutendorf's under 19s who became jaded under the severe physical routine he imposed on them, as he sought to exploit their "athletic qualities".

He will have learned from that error, if this was the case.

He has a formidable task which is really just starting as he searches for the players on whom, in the final analysis, everything will depend.

MIKE JOHNSON

Following this line of thinking it seems that players such as **Murray Barnes**, **Bob Russell**, **Brian Northcote**, **Barry Kelso** and **Phil O'Connor**, will have the edge over other equally talented players such as **Ken Boden**, **John Stevenson**, **Terry Smith** and similarly composed players.

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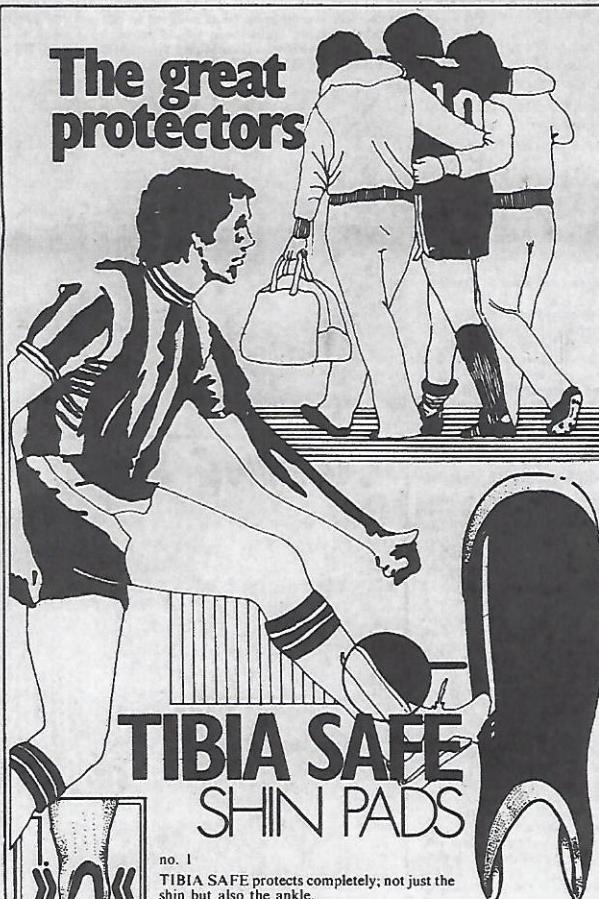
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## Reunion on 21st birthday



• The 1922 Box Hill team, back row (left to right) unknown, A. Greaves, N. Sawyer, C. Willis, J. Reid, W. Craddock (secretary). Seated — J. Platt, unknown, J. Bailey, A. Fotheringham, W. Johnson. At front — A. Marsden, J. English.

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A unique repeat of history could prove to be a lucky omen for Victorian First Division clubs Ringwood City and Box Hill.

The two Victorian First Division clubs are involved in a freak co-incidence which shows that truth is often stranger than fiction.

Twenty-one years ago, Ringwood City played Box Hill in a State League match at Wembley Park, Box Hill. Noting out of the ordinary, you say.

But the 1958 game was the opening of the season. This Sunday at Wembley Park, Box Hill and Ringwood City meet in the opening of the 1979 season.

This year is the 21st anniversary for Wembley Park, the Hillmen's home ground. It's ironic that the team which played the first game on the ground should return for the first league game in the 21st birthday year.

Playing for Ringwood in that 1958 game was Harry Luyten. On Sunday

his son John Luyten will line up for Ringwood.

In the Box Hill team of 21 years ago were **Tommy White** and **Walter Patterson**. Sons of both these players were in the Box Hill first team squad today, and will line up against Ringwood.

White is now coach of Box Hill.

Ringwood City won the 1958 game 4-1 after Box Hill's **Noel Kenny** had put the Hillmen into the lead. This was the first goal scored at Wembley Park.

Ringwood went on to win the Dockey Cup in 1958, the only time the club has won the competition.

In 1959, Ringwood won its first and only State League championship. If reality is to follow the path of history, Ringwood will be in for a successful couple of seasons thanks to the early season meeting with Box Hill.

Box Hill too can look forward to a successful 1979. After the loss to Ringwood City in the first game of 1958, the Hillmen recovered to have their best-ever season in the State League,

finishing fifth after being much closer to the lead during the season.

Box Hill won the old First Division (Victoria's premier competition until the formation of the VSF and the State League) in 1948.

Box Hill has been preoccupied with history of late. Recently, the club was presented with a photograph of the 1922 senior team. The 1922 team was the first Box Hill team to play competitive games.

**Tom Bateman** of Greensborough soccer club made the presentation of the framed photograph, which is in surprisingly good quality, to Box Hill president **Mike Davidson**.

Mr. Bateman's wife's father played for Box Hill, and the photograph had been handed down through the family. Mr. Bateman's gesture was much appreciated by Box Hill.

Box Hill started off in the Fourth Division of the old Victorian Soccer Association, and won the league championship in 1925. — **KYLE PATTERSON**.

## Croatia seeks \$1 mil. site

Victorian State League champion Essendon Croatia is planning to buy 20 acres of land in suburban Keilor for \$250,000.

But reports suggest the club is split on the idea, with one group claiming that buying the land would ruin Croatia.

Manager **Frank Burin** is confident the club will buy the land, which would have junior ground, a training pitch and a main ground, plus a car park and clubrooms after completion of the first stage.

Burin said club members would supply the bulk of finance and labour.

Opponents to the plan claim Croatia would be paying \$6000 a month on the land at an interest rate of 20%. These factors, say the group, make it impossible for Croatia, or any other Victorian club, to develop such a complex.

It's unlikely Croatia would receive assistance from any council.

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# PHILIPS CUP FIELD TAKES SHAPE

The draw for the 1979 Philips Cup will be made in Sydney today (April 4) and the first round will be played on Anzac Day, April 25.

The first rounds of the competition will be played on a regional basis to restrict travel expenses.

The entrants are:

NSW — Marconi, Sydney City, APIA, St George, Sydney Olympic and probably Sydney Croatia, Sutherland, Auburn and Melita Eagles.

VICTORIA — South Melbourne, Heidelberg Utd, Footscray, Essendon, Carlton, George Cross, Preston, Makedonia and Hakoah St Kilda.

QUEENSLAND — Brisbane City, Brisbane Lions, South Side Eagles, St George Souths and Ipswich Utd.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA — Adelaide City, West Adel-

side and three of the following four teams — Azzurri, Adelaide, Croatia, Elizabeth and Cumberland.

ACT — Canberra City, West Woden.

NORTHERN NSW — Newcastle KB Utd, Edgeworth Eagles.

TASMANIA — White Eagles.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA — Kingsway Olympic.

The three entrants from the South Australian State League will not be known until Friday night, April 6, after the completion of selection games.

Four teams — Croatia, Azzurri, Elizabeth and Cumberland — are vying for three places in the Philips Cup.

The draw will be made with name plates 'SA 1', 'SA 2' and 'SA 3' to represent the South Australian teams. The winner of the selection competition will become 'SA 1' with the second and third teams following in order.

South Australia is the only State which has a special competition to decide Philips Cup entries.

All 10 SA State League teams took part in the selection games. Results were —

PRELIMINARY ROUND — Campbelltown City 1, Para Hills 1 (C'town won 5-4 on pens), Beograd 3, Lion 0.

FIRST ROUND — Cumberland 1, Enfield Victoria 0, Elizabeth 2, Polonia 1, Croatia 2, Campbelltown 0, Beograd 0, Azzurri 3.

SEMI FINALS — Croatia 0, Azzurri 3, Elizabeth 0, Cumberland 2.

Play-offs for first and second (Azzurri v Cumberland) and third place (Croatia v Elizabeth), will be played this Friday.

In NSW, it's likely the top four teams from last season — Croatia, Sutherland, Auburn and Melita — will play in the Philips Cup.

There is some doubt because the NSW Soccer Federation has some minor complaints about the format. NSW secretary **Audley Brown** said he wasn't prepared to divulge the nature of the complaints.

Most State Federations have nominated the major trophy winners from 1978 as the Philips Cup entrants.

Until the quarter final stage, interstate travel by teams will be minimal. One South Australian team must travel to Western Australia for the first round, and a Victorian team will play in Tasmania.

A Queensland or NSW club will have to travel interstate.

Travel arrangements for the second round will not be known until after the first round is played. — KYLE PATTERSON.

## Schoolboys' Cup is a slick move

Details of the richest and most exciting schoolboy soccer promotion ever attempted by an Australian club will be announced later this week by leading Australian company, Westfield Limited and the Sydney City "Slickers."

Among other things, the shopping giant Westfield will plough \$10,000 into the Lord Mayor's Cup, a knock-out competition for schools in the City of Sydney area.

Games will be played before all the Slickers' home games this year.

The sponsorship will come in the form of soccer equipment — nets, balls, shirts, coaching material — on a sliding scale basis depending on how far the schools progress in the Lord Mayor's Cup.

Competing schools, among them the prestigious GPS Grammar School, Cranbrook College and Moriah College, will receive magnificent perpetual shields for their respective Player of the Year awards.

Sydney City will provide coaching courses for teachers and students, make its players available for promotional activities and foot the bill for referees and linesmen for the matches.

The Lord Mayor's Cup is sure to create interest at the Slickers' home matches as many of the outstanding youngsters in Sydney attend some of the competing schools — Cleveland Street Boys High, Moriah College, Randwick North High, Christian Brothers, City, Sydney Grammar School, Maroubra High, Cranbrook College, Vaucluse High, Dover Heights High and Matraville High.

Local sportsmasters are delighted about the competition and the promotional activities of Sydney City within their schools.

### Lord Mayor's Cup Competition 1979: PRELIMINARY ROUND

Game 1 April 8, Matraville v Cleveland St.

Game 2 April 22, Vaucluse v Maroubra Bay.

Game 3 May 6, Winner v Moriah.

Game 4 June 3, Winner (G1) v Dover Heights.

Game 5 July 1, Cranbrook v Randwick North.

Game 6 July 8, CBC City v Grammar.

Game 7 July 29, Winner (G3) v Winner (G4).

Game 8 August 19, Winner (G5) v Winner (G6).

Game 9 September 16, Winner (G7) v Winner (G8).

START: 1.30 — 30 minutes each way. 5 minutes half time.

VENUE: Wentworth Park.

IF DRAWN: Shoot out to take place.

— best of 3 shots by separate players.

— Team winning toss shoots first.

According to co-ordinator **Nick Dent** of Randwick North High, it is the best thing to happen to school soccer in the area in his long association with school sport.

The Lord Mayor of Sydney, **Al-derman Nelson Meers**, was delighted to lend his name to the competition "for Sydney, youth and soccer."

The Lord Mayor will present the magnificent trophy to the winning team after the final, which will be played as a curtain raiser to Sydney City's final home PSL match of the season against Hei-

delapse at Wentworth Park on Saturday, April 14.

Chairman of Westfield, Mr Frank Lowy, sees the cup "as a move to break new ground in a previously untouched area by senior soccer clubs in Australia" and that it would be "the forerunner to bigger and better things" in the future.

He added that the promotion would be of "enormous benefit to the schools, Sydney City and most of all soccer."

It was unheard of not so long ago for GPS (Greater Public Schools) and Associated and Pri-

mate Colleges to play soccer, let alone compete in an open competition.

Now, thanks to Westfield and Sydney City, soccer has an open league involving State public schools as well as the private schools.

Again, from Westfield's direct involvement there will be considerable follow-up support for the Lord Mayor's Cup.

Sydney City players will appear in all Westfield centres around Sydney to promote soccer with demonstrations, clinics and films.

Westfield will also produce superb posters to promote the cup which will be ready for distribution shortly to schools, junior clubs and supporters of soccer.

The first match for the Lord Mayor's Cup will be played on Sunday, April 8, at Wentworth Park.

Kick-off time is 1.30, with teams playing 30 minutes each way.

Should the match be drawn, an American-style shoot-out will determine which school will proceed to the next round.

Matraville meets my old school, Cleveland Street, in the first round on Sunday.

Sydney City players will hold coaching clinics at the respective schools during the week before their Lord Mayor's Cup game.

This week Sydney City stars **Terry Clarke** and **Terry Smith** will assist me with promotions at Matraville and Cleveland Street.

— same goalkeeper as in previous year (unless injured).

— referee selects goal.

— if even, each team alternates shots (same 3 players in same order) until one team is in front.

All players must be enrolled at the school on the date which the game takes place.

## Even Olympic has an edge

By MIKE JOHNSON

The resurgence of Sydney teams in the Phillips League does not surprise me, as anyone who read my recent article would testify.

I return to this topic today because there seems to be a prevailing opinion that Sydney is finished as a centre of Australian soccer.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Success in professional sport today goes to those who have the numbers playing and the money to exploit them.

Sydney is still far and away the dominant soccer centre in the nation.

I say this not out of any feeling of patriotism toward Sydney where I happen to live, but because it is fact.

Marconi, St George, Sydney City and APIA all have big, successful social clubs which provide money for top players and facilities.

Such social clubs are not possessed by soccer clubs in Melbourne, Newcastle, Canberra, Brisbane or Adelaide.

Neither can any of those centres match the numbers of boys available to the major Sydney clubs.

There are an estimated 150,000 boys playing soccer in Sydney.

There are some 6000 playing in the St George area alone, while neighboring Sutherland has more than 10,000 to draw on.

It is true that smaller provincial cities such as Newcastle and Canberra, and I hope eventually Hobart and Perth, draw more multi-national spectators who are more intensive in their support for their team.

What Sydney Olympic currently lacks is the organisation and facilities of the other major Sydney clubs.

Marconi and St George, each with their own stadiums, own floodlit training grounds, thriving social clubs and well-organised junior systems, are the models all others will have to match if they wish to achieve continuing success through the eighties.



Mike Milovanovic and Alun Evans (right) strike a wild dance pose in the South Melbourne-Cannington PSL match last Sunday. At left is Duncan Cummings who scored for Souths in the 1-1 draw. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.



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Newcastle KB Utd	2	0	6	2		1	1	0	4	2	10:4	7
Brisbane City	2	0	4	1		1	0	1	5	6	9:7	6
Footscray JUST	1	1	0	5	3	1	0	1	3	2	8:5	5
Sydney City	0	0	2	2	7	2	0	0	7	1	9:8	5
Canberra City	1	0	1	3	4	1	1	0	5	3	8:7	5
West Adelaide	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	3:3	5
Sydney Olympic	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	1	3	5:3	4
Marconi	0	1	1	4	5	1	0	1	5	3	9:8	4
Heidelberg Utd	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	1	2	3	5:5	4
South Melbourne	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	3	4	5:5	4
Adelaide City	0	0	2	2	5	1	1	0	7	6	9:11	3
Brisbane Lions	0	0	2	3	5	1	0	1	2	3	5:8	2
APIA-Leichhardt	0	0	2	1	4	1	0	1	0	2	2:6	2
St. George BSC	0	0	2	2	9	1	0	1	3	3	5:12	2

## PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

Number of appearances in brackets:

POTTER (1)  
(Foot)MOULIS (2) DRINKWATER (1) O'CONNOR (1)  
(Can) (Newc) (Syd City) ILLIOSKI (2)  
(Foot)BYRNE (1)  
(Marc) PICIOANE (1)  
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### THIS WEEK'S VOTES

FOOTSCRAY 3 BRISBANE LION S1. Ratings by Laurie Schwab: FOOTSCRAY: Potter 9, Iloski 8, Jovicic 6, Kondziorus 8, Lujic 7, Ristic 6, Picioane 9, Jovanovic 5, Palinkas 6, Ollerton 8, Ristovski 6.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 6, Spearritt 6, Hermiston 7, Bennett 6, Niven 6, Amos 8, Lawrie 7, Wilson 5 (Russell 65th), McGregor 6, Wallance 5, Brennan 5 (Ogden 82nd).

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 CANTERBURY 1. Ratings by Bobby McLachlan: STH MELB: Reilly 6, Kalafatidis 6, Munro 7, Baxter 7, Kyriakoules 6, Lutton 6 (Wright 82nd), Cummings 6, Davidson 6, Drakford 6, (Christopoulos 82nd), Evans 6, Campbell 6.

CANBERRA 1: Hossowski 7, Moulis 8, Brown 7, Stark 8, Milovanovic 7, Cant 7, Farrell 6 (Hogg 65th), Davies 7, Salgado 6 (Kawaleka 75th), Byrne 8, Fielding 6.

WEST ADELAIDE 1 HEIDELBERG 0. Ratings by Meno Toutsidis.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 (Service 8, half time), Bozanic 6, Reynolds 7, McGachey 6, Kambas 8, Jones 8, Boyle 8, Pillans 6, Honeyman 6, Zervas 6, Tymczyszyn 7.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 8, McMillan 7, Provan 6, O'Reilly 6 (Semelidis 7), Tansey 7, Rooney 7, Taylor 7, Campbell 6, Bannon 7, Cole 6, Buljevic 7.

MARCONI 4 ADELAIDE CITY 4. Ratings by Eddie Katnic.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Barry 6, (Brogan 7, 45th min), Prskalo 7, Mariani 6, Degney 6, Lindsay 6 (Russell 77th min), Henderson 8, Byrne 8, Krnecic 7, Jankovic 7, Sharne 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, Russell 6 (Besir 83rd min), Perlin 7, Muir 8, B. Nyskohus 7, Muniz 7, Dodde 6 (Marw 72th min), Northcote 7, Deans 8, J. Nyskohus 8, Kent 7.

SYDNEY CITY 5 ST. GEORGE 0. Ratings by Alex Vesic.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8, Kershaw 7, Thomson 8, O'Connor 9, Bruce 7, Stevenson 7, Watson 7, Barnes 8, Smith 9, Campbell 8, Silva 7.

ST. GEORGE: Cee 6, Grosse 5, Utjenesenovic 6 (Cotton 7 45th min), Della Picca 6, Terry 5, R. O'Shea 6, Gnevi 7, J. O'Shea 6, Matic 6, Morgan 5 (Hensman 7 45th min) O'Connor 7.

APIA 1 NEWCASTLE KB UTD. 3 Ratings by Tony Raciti.

APIA: Woodhouse 4, Rowden 4, Wilson 6, Richards 8, Turnbull 8 injured (Skellern 6, 50th min), Drews 8, Rampant 7, Butler 6, Scott 5, Reed 5, Vernon 6 (Samuels 68th min).

NEWCASTLE: Dando 9, Willis 6, Summerscales 7, Drinkwater 8, Curran 7, McClelland 6, Seddon 6, Cowburn 7, Boden 5, Harris 7 (Treddinnick 8, 46th min), Heys 7.

BRISBANE CITY 2 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1. Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

CITY: Wishart 8, Perry 8, Tokes 8, Wilkinson 8, Coyne 8, Pimblett 7, Echeverria 6 (Gaffney 7 46th min) Caldwell 8, Kelso 5, Low 9 (Ratcliffe 83rd).

OLYMPIC: Meier 9, Cotton (Palmer 16th, 6), Bell 8, Wilson 6, Ainslie 7, Cross 7, Raskopolous 6 (Botham 70th), Jamieson 6, Laing 6, Eaton 6, McIntosh 6.

Leading averages:  
8.0 Clarke (SC), Meier (SO) Crook (WA), Service (WA), Deang (AC), Tokes (BC), Coyne (BC).

7.7 Heys (NU).

7.6 Jankovic (M), Boyle (WA).

7.5 Rooney (HU), Seddon (NU), Prskalo (M), O'Connor (SC), Thomson (SC), Bruce (SC), Ainslie (SO), Muir (AC), Richards (APIA), Low (BC), Perry (BC), Stark (C), Byrne (C), Picioane (F), Palinkas (F).

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**3. Jankovics (Marc), Krnecovic (Marc)**, Smith (SC), Eaton (SO).

## COURAGE TOP SCORER AWARD

\$750 cash from Courage Breweries for the top scorer in the Philips League (goals in finals and Cup games will count in case of a tie).



Brisbane Lions goalkeeper Nigel Lowndes rejoices after Footscray had squandered a scoring chance. Still, Footscray won 3-1.

## It's tough for Kondarios, Drinkwater

The Philips League top four — Newcastle, Brisbane City, Footscray and Sydney City — are involved in difficult matches this week which will either consolidate their positions or produce a new set of leaders.

And Marconi, after its fight-back to 4-4 against Adelaide City last weekend, may clinch a second bonus point when it meets struggling St. George.

The busiest defenders in the league this week will be Footscray's Jim Kondarios and Newcastle's Roy Drinkwater.

Kondarios will mark Sydney City's Terry Smith who scored a hat-trick in the 5-0 victory over St. George last Sunday.

Drinkwater will probably mark Adelaide City's Dale Deans who with six goals so far, is the top scorer in the league.

If Newcastle loses to Adelaide City in Adelaide, it could still hold top spot on goal difference.

Brisbane City's commendable run is likely to end when it meets Heidelberg.

United at Olympic Park No. 1 ground on Sunday.

City has recruited a brilliant goal-poaching winger in Kevin Low but Heidelberg's Arthur McMillen and Jim Tansey will prove extremely difficult to pass. In Gary Cole and Branko Buljevic, Heidelberg has the strikers who can tear the Brisbane defence to ribbons.

Footscray has been shaping as a possible championship contender, it will have to beat Sydney City if it is to last year.

Much will depend on the midfield battle between Footscray's Slobodan Jovanovic and Joe Picioane and Sydney's John Stevenson and Murray Barnes. Both are skilful ball-playing teams, so it should be a highly entertaining match.

John Koamina, who returned from Arsenal late last week, did not play on Sunday against Heidelberg as had been expected. He will, however, make his first appearance against Canberra City in Canberra on Saturday.

Koamina has been transferred from Arsenal for \$45,000, not \$25,000 as previously reported, making him the most expensive player in Australian soccer history.

APIA did well to take an early lead against Newcastle last weekend but its defence collapsed late in the game as Newcastle stormed to victory. This defence will have to be much tighter against Sydney Olympic's twin strikers Clive Eaton and Dave McIntosh on Sunday.

Olympic is set for its best season. It may even challenge for the championship, thanks to expert guidance by coach Joe Marston the former Socceroo captain.

Brisbane Lions had their moments against Footscray and with the advantage of playing at home, they may make life difficult for South Melbourne, whose players have had their confidence dented by the Tony Turner scandal (see page one).

A notable absentee from this week's round of matches is Adelaide City full back Bobby Russell (ex-Sydney Croatia) who dislocated a shoulder in the match against Marconi.

APIA's Italian star Rosario Rampanti played brilliantly during the first half against Newcastle and should improve even more from week to week. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

## Watson, Souness: 'no witnesses'

Sydney City players Joo Watson and Ian Souness received a reprimand at the Philips League disciplinary committee last week.

They had been charged by FIFA referee Tony Boskovic with kicking in the door of the referee's room after their club's clash with Marconi at Wentworth Park.

The report was found unproven due to a lack of eye witness evidence. Watson and Souness claimed before the committee that they had scuffed with each other and accidentally kicked and fell on the door. They were found guilty of ungentlemanly conduct for fighting.

Each was required to post a \$100 bond which will be forfeited if they become similarly involved over the rest of the season.

They have been required to tender written apologies to referee Boskovic.

Souness, along with Kevin Mullen, missed Saturday's match against St George in any case, as he was sent off for dangerous play in the course of the match when he brought down run away Marconi winger Peter Sharne.

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### This week's Philips League fixtures:

#### IN CANBERRA

Canberra City v West Adelaide, Bruce Stadium, Saturday, 3pm.

#### IN SYDNEY

Sydney Olympic v APIA-Leichhardt, Pratten Park, Sunday, 3pm.

Sydney City Footscray, Wentworth Park, Sunday, 3pm.

Marconi v St. George, Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3pm.

#### IN MELBOURNE

Heidelberg v Brisbane City, Olympic Park No. 1 ground, Sunday 3pm.

#### IN ADELAIDE

Adelaide City v Newcastle KB Utd., Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.30 pm.

#### IN BRISBANE

Brisbane Lions v South Melbourne, Perry Park, Sunday, 3pm.

### NEW MARCONI MEN

Marconi has imported two players who were with the Stoke City reserves in England.

They are Christopher Brown, 21, a full back or midfielder, and Alan Ryder, 23, a goalkeeper.



## Hansen rejoins Souths

John Hansen returned from Denmark on Sunday, giving South Melbourne THREE of the finest goalkeepers in the Philips League.

Hansen joins Souths' other custodians, Jack Reilly and Peter Laumets, both of them Socceroos.

Faced with such competition, Hansen is unlikely to stay with Souths. He will probably seek a transfer.

Hansen played some excellent matches early last season, and also represented Victoria against Dundee before Reilly forced his way back into the South Melbourne team.

Dissatisfied with sitting on the bench, Hansen, a Danish international, returned home.

However, things weren't all that rosy back in Europe, so he flew back to Melbourne on Sunday afternoon and went straight to Middle Park where he watched South Melbourne draw 1-1 with Canberra.

## Brisbane gets John Russell

Sydney Croatia's brilliant midfield player John Russell, (pictured) has joined Brisbane City for an undisclosed sum.

City also signed Tony Brennan, a promising player from Queensland State League club Southside Eagles.

Brennan, a former schoolboy Rugby Union international, played Rugby League pre-season this year in protest against a \$6000 transfer fee sought for him.

He is believed to have transferred for \$3000.

Meanwhile, three coaches have been named to run weekly training courses for national team candidates to be named by Soccerco coach Rudi Gutendorf.

The three men are Walter Tamburini, former Prague star now living in Brisbane, State coach Fred Robinson and Fred King-shott of the Queensland Coaches Federation.



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FOOTSCRAY 3  
BRIS. LIONS 1

**Scorers:** Footscray, Kon-daros 20th; Picciano 37th & 37th; Lowe Spearritt 89th.  
**Ground:** Olympic Park, Mo-lyne-ham stadium, Melbourne.  
**Weather:** Mild.  
**Referee:** Chris Bambridge (VIC) 7.

**Cautions:** Iloski (Foots), Lowndes (BL).  
**Crowd:** 3123.

Footscray could have scored seven goals, but slack marking by some of the defenders could have given Brisbane Lions a few more as well.

**Radoslav Jovicic** will have to tighten up his defensive play especially next week against Sydney City. **Zdravko Lalic**, too, made a few uncharacteristic mistakes against Lions, although his attacking play was often quite spectacular.

**Midfielder Slobodan Jovanicic** had his worst game since arriving from Yugoslavia, and so he can only get better. He and the others will have to be at their best if they hope to beat Sydney City.

As usual, games against Lions Joe Picciano was the best player afield. His penetrating forward run was a delight to watch and both of his goals were nothing short of incredible.

For the first, he controlled a ball from **Mondi Ristovski** in mid-air with that Brazilian flair before slaming it high into the net.

His second goal came from a brilliant angled shot just inside the far post.

**Jim Kondoros** got the first goal in the 20th minute. **Peter Ollerton** went up for a corner from **Joe Paluszak**, and his header bounced off a defender to Kondoros who shot it home with his left foot.

Lions fielded a reshuffled team due to the absence of injured **Barris Fairbrother**, midfielder **Alan Hughes** and winger **Paul Ontong**, who had been dropped to the reserves. Striker **Tony Brennan**, winger-midfielder **Tom McGregor** and midfielder **John Russell** (from Sydney Cross) were the new men in the team.

Despite some good defending by **Jim Hermitton**, Lions were powerless against the Footscray onslaught which produced a goal after a 17-minute period of the first half.

Holding a 3-0 half-time lead, Footscray had the incentive to build up a four-goal margin to gain a bonus point. This kept the game alive with breathtaking attacking play as both teams gave it everything they had — Footscray to gain an extra point and Lions to score a goal to prevent Footscray from gaining that point.

**Had Paluszak and Ristovski taken advantage of thoughtfull off-ball running by Peter Ollerton?** Footscray would have scored the goal it wanted. But Paluszak and Ristovski tried unsuccessfully to score themselves after getting into the penalty area, instead of slipping the ball to Ollerton who was unmarked.

In the first few minutes of the game, Footscray got into trouble in defence when a back-heeler by Lujic went to an opponent and when a short clearance by Kondoros was picked up by a grateful Lion.

Footscray should have been awarded a penalty in the 5th minute, but referee **Chris Bambridge** apparently thought Ristovski would score anyway as he sped into the penalty area, being grabbed by the shirt by Hermitton. Bambridge's confidence proved ill-placed, as Ristovski's shot was blocked by goalkeeper **Nigel Lowndes**. The ball rebounded to Ollerton whose shot was cleared off the line by Alan Niven.

Footscray goalkeeper Steve Potter had a brilliant match. Few times the shots he saved were very dangerous, but he did all his work with the confidence of a true professional and he was near faultless on high balls (he dropped only one).

Tony Brennan who, together with **Craig Wallace**, were sighted only rarely, came close to scoring for Lions when he got away in a break but Jovicic dispossessed him with a desperate tackle from behind. Then Potter made a good save from McGregor as the Footscray defence became more and more tattered.

**Ian Lawrie** was working hard in Lions' midfield, but his finishing let him down badly. He missed twice from inside the area.

Just before half time Bambridge showed the yellow card to Nigel Lowndes for kicking the ball away after a free kick had been awarded to Footscray for a foul by Niven on Picciano. As a result, Lions pushed harder in its chance. Lions pushed harder in a more offensive role and Steve Ames became better and better in Lions' midfield. Craig Wallace the former Essendon Crossman, got away from the defence but failed to score from 10 metres and, at the other end, Ristovski put the ball into the net only to be ruled offside.

Two more minute left to play, Lions attacked a consolation goal when former-coach **Eddie Spearritt**, who had been playing at right back, headed home a cross from Lawrie.

Alex Vesic

SYDNEY C. 5  
ST GEORGE 0

**Scorers:** Smith (SC) 31st, 55th, 74th; Stevenson 25th, Barnes 62nd.

**Ground:** St George Stadium, Sydney.

**Crowd:** 1783

**Weather:** Rainy.

**Referee:** Barnes (SC), Smith (SC)

**Referee:** Richard Lorenz 7.

For the second time in three weeks St George failed to impress at its new home ground, and only some poor finishing by Sydney City kept the score at 0-0.

St George started well enough, and if anyone should have been pleased with the start of an hour it should have been **Joe Galei**'s. Phil O'Connor played the ball wide to **John O'Shea** in the 11th minute, then raced into the area to accept a perfect pass by his midfielder, but could not control the ball as it ran off his chest and into the arms of a substitute against **Heidelberg**.

In an effort to get his midfield functioning smoothly, South Melbourne manager **Dave McLachlan** decided to give under 19 international **Alan Davison** his first full game, alongside the experienced **Bertie Lutton** and **Duncan Cummings** who usually plays as striker.

The early exchanges were even, with the teams testing each other out. Indeed, it took 15 minutes before the first shot was fired in by **Ken Drakeford**, but Canberra goalkeeper **Steve Hoszowski** had little trouble saving it.

Olympic's hero undoubtedly was tall goalkeeper **Gary Meter**, for although City missed several easy chances he produced some truly amazing acrobatic saves to prevent at least three others.

The rest of the Olympic side played in fits and starts, although defender **Ricke Bell** ran his heart out, pushing forward desperately late in the match.

In the 25th minute, **Ernie Campbell** found **John Stevenson** in space with a well measured pass. The City midfielder ran unopposed into the area, then coolly lobbed the advancing keeper to give the team its first ever goal.

Only six minutes later, St George should have been on even terms. A determined run by O'Connor saw the St George forward go past **Alan Kershaw** and goalkeeper Clarke. With inches to shoot at, from an acute angle, O'Connor managed to guide the ball well, but **Steve O'Connor** was on the spot to clear.

The ball quickly travelled the length of the pitch to an unmarked **Terry Terry** Smith 25 metres from goal. Smith unmarked and powerful drive left **Marin Coe** helpless giving City a decisive goal.

Instead of a goal a piece, St George found itself two goals down and slowly but surely deteriorating. Three minutes before half time City would have made it 3-0, but for some selfishness by **Joe Watson**. With **Doug Utjezovic** to beat and Smith unmarked inside the area, Watson opted for the slot, lobbing the ball into the arms of a thankful Coe.

Play became scrappy but the Canberra midfield four was coming more and more into the game and in the 35th minute, from one of **Danny Moulis'** many overlapping raids, the visitors took the lead.

Moulis shrugged off two tackles and crossed a glorious ball to the feet of **Terry Byrne**, who gleefully slammed it home.

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So the interval was reached at 1-0, with Canberra very much in command.

But a different South Melbourne emerged after half time and the opening minutes saw Hoszowski's goal under siege.

The gamble paid off handsomely a week ago in Brisbane, but badly misfired at St George's stadium.

In the 55th minute, Watson crossed to the near post for Terry Smith to flick home the easiest of goals.

Only seven minutes later, **Rudolfo Della Piazza** obstructed Ernie Campbell on the edge of the area. Jones took the kick, lifting the ball towards the near post. **Murray Barnes** raced in to flick home the easiest of headers past the bewildered St George defence.

In the last twenty minutes, St George battled to save face. In the space of two minutes, City had three chances to increase the lead. Campbell, Stevenson then Barnes were the offenders, and the St George defence at times and sevens.

In the 74th minute, Watson ran around **Peter Terry** before slipping the ball into the far corner. Three defenders attempted to clear, but missed. Jones lifted the ball towards the near post. Barnes was quick to exploit the situation, and snared the ball from the legs of Grosse before hitting a low drive past Coe.

Silva could have added a further goal two minutes later, but blasted the ball wide from seven metres out....

After a good start, St George was destroyed by this powerful City machine. Campbell and Barnes had outstanding games, while Smith at first his shooting boots. To prove it, Smith was caught offside seven times and booked for a foul on Rudolf Grosse with ten minutes to go.

St George started well, but failed to finish. Knocked out by that second goal in the 31st minute, the team never recovered and was soundly beaten.

**Joe Galei** will have to take a hard, long look at his team, which has conceded 11 goals in three matches.

Bob McLachlan

STH MELB. 1  
CANBERRA 1

**Scorers:** Byrne (Can) 35th.; Cummings (SM) 53rd.

**Ground:** Middle Park, Melbourne.

**Crowd:** 5200

**WEATHER:** Mild

**Referee:** Neal (Sth) Aust) 6

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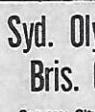
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# NOW TO THE NITTY-GRITTY

## Makedonia, Hakoah, Croatia best bets

By KYLE PATTERSON

The carnival is over for Victorian State League clubs. The grind of the league championship is about to start and with it the return of pressure-cooker football.

There's no doubt league soccer is vastly different to Cup football. There will be few 6-5 thrillers in the league championship and a lot more 0-0 draws.

"Go for a point, and if we win it's a bonus," will be the attitude of many clubs once the teams sort themselves out. As in past seasons, there will probably be three distinct groups within the league — the leaders, the relegation-threatened and the in-betweens.

Last season three teams struggled all season — Albion Rovers, Altona City and Ringwood City. Essendon Croatia and Preston Makedonia led the field for most of the journey, tailed but rarely threatened by Hakoah St Kilda, George Cross, Prahran Slavia and Sunshine City.

The remaining clubs — Green Gully Ajax, Frankston City and Juventus were the also-rans.

I'm a glutton for punishment when it comes to making predictions. The Kyle Patterson kiss of death spells disaster for teams.

My predictions in the Ampol Cup semi finals were both wrong and in the final I gave Slavia the kiss of death.

To cause more anger from followers of State League clubs, I'm going to predict in which group I think each club will end up.

**THE LEADERS —** Essendon Croatia, Preston Makedonia, Hakoah St Kilda.

**THE CHALLENGERS —** Croydon City, Prahran Slavia, Green Gully.

**THE RELEGATION — THREATENED —** Albion Rovers, Altona City, Sunshine City.

**THE ALSO-RANS —** Juventus, George Cross, Frankston City.

Please keep abusive letters to less than 10 words!

### ESSENDON CROATIA v ALBION ROVERS

Selwyn Park, Sunshine Saturday, April 7, 2.45 pm.

Essendon Croatia will line up a much-changed team to the one which took off the 1978 championship. Gone are goalkeeper Yekka Banovic, defender John Gardiner, forward Billy Vojetek and midfielder Howard Andrews.

Replacements are goalkeeper Peter Cassidy, Steve Short and Keith Adams.

However, Croatia still has a formidable team capable of retaining the championship. Should the club look like slipping early in the season, you can guarantee money will be spent to

bring local and overseas players to the club.

Croatia is geared totally for success. Players come and go as do coaches, because Essendon's fanatical supporters demand a winning team.

Coach Brian Eggly has the task of disciplining Croatia's players for the long haul. Croatia has the talent but keeping the players on course will be a difficult task after last season's clean sweep.

Albion Rovers also has virtually a new team but the prospects aren't too good for 1979.

Coach Bill McArthur has at his disposal a blend of youth plus seasonal campaigners.

Steve Blair, Mick D'Sylva, Tony Gatt, Gordon Stevens and Gelly All-Aid make up the young brigade complemented by Alex Wark, Bill McCormack, Bill Johnson, Bobby Nisbet and Dave Stoikes.

Aleastair Denham is Albion's biggest asset, judging by his early performances.

But still Albion will be battling to survive this season. The squad has little depth and lacks experience in a lot of players.

A defensive strategy would seem to be Albion's best play against Croatia. With dangerous forwards Tommy Cumming and Carl Glider, Croatia is a strong attacking team.

Preston's line-up is unsure at the moment. Suspensions and transfer requests have thrown the side out of balance just as it was beginning to settle.

Newcomers Gordon Flavelle and John Higham may force their way into the Preston team for the opening championship match, especially as coach Tony Vrzina is short of midfield players.

George Cross will have import Michael Wilson for the team's first game, but coach John Sanchez may not use him immediately.

George has talent in Jim Paparas and Robert Mirk but still lacks firepower in the forward department.

Makedonia has the form to win but George Cross has the grit to make Preston work hard for the victory.

1978 results — George Cross 1, Albion 1, Albion 0 Croatia 1.

PREDICTION: Croatia victory.

GEORGE CROSS v PRESTON MAKEDONIA

at ground to be decided Sunday, April 8, 3 pm

George Cross has unsuccessfully applied for the use of Schindler Reserve, several smaller venues in Sunshine, Altona's Kim Reserve, Albion's Selwyn Park and Sunshine's Anderson Road ground with-out success.

As a result, George Cross, who was without a home for half of last season, may have to play its first 'home' game of 1979 at Makedonia's B.T. Connor Reserve.

George Cross officials have been searching for a suitable home ground while the club buys and develops land in the western suburbs.

George's last hope was the application for use of

the mid-field, Keith Adams is a beaver and Ken Murphy is capable of scoring goals.

1978 results — Croatia 3, Albion 1, Albion 0 Croatia 1.

PREDICTION: Croatia victory.

CROYDON CITY v PRAHRAN SLAVIA

at Croydon Park, Croydon Sunday, April 8, 3 pm

Croydon City centre half Steve McCombe has had his reputation tarnished this season.

First he came up against Makedonia's George McMillan and was eventually sent off for continually crunching the croc striker as means of stopping him.

At his next meeting with top striker Jamie Paton of Slavia — McCombe fell victim of the lethal goalgetter's ability. Paton scored a hat-trick and McCombe was again left floundering.

But McCombe now has the chance to gain personal revenge against Paton when Slavia travels to Croydon for the first league championship game of 1979.

The tall defender, who incidentally joined Croydon for \$3000 from Slavia, has no doubt learned his lesson the hard way. Paton will find McCombe a different proposition for their upcoming encounter.

McCombe's clash with Paton is only one of the many individual clashes in the Slavia/Croydon game which will make it a highly interesting spectacle.

Croydon full-back Jimmy Spink was made to look silly by Slavia's Jim Williams, and the return match will be an intriguing affair.

At the other end of the field, Croydon strikers Roy Hamilton and Jim Wyllie will be looking to re-assess themselves as State League-class strikers.

In the midfield, Slavia's wily Brian Tuft will be assigned the job of marking Paton, the Croydon midfield general.

Croydon also has Joe Trout as a dangerman. Slavia can answer

the challenge of the likes of Graham French and the midfielders, taking the ball and passing quick return passes, but he lacks the sharpness to beat players and take half chances.

However, on the carpet-like surface of Middle Park, the game should provide a deal of entertainment.

Middle Park suits Hakoah's style of play and the team will be hard to beat there this season. Frank Miele had Hakoah playing a good brand of soccer, with moves being built up from Defence and the midfielders very active in carrying the ball forward and scoring goals.

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Winger Lee Nagy has been down on form this season and with possibly youngster Branko Boznovski on the other wing, Hakoah lacks penetration.

Dave Rigby has quickly settled down with his new crew and is the general in midfield. It's the threat of Rigby, Bill Jordan and Stuart Blair coming from behind that will worry the Ajax defence.

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PREDICTION: One goal win for Ajax



• Albion Rovers, the club that has undergone more changes than any other, due to players winning a breach-of-contract case against the club and gaining free transfers. This is last year's team, standing from left: Ken Ashton (massager), Noel Mitton (now Frankston), Jeff Olvér (now Heidelberg), Bobby Nisbet, Alan Quinn (left club), Bill McCormack, Frank Campbell (training with Austria), Billy Cree (former coach). Front: Steve Blair, Bill McIntyre, Kit Greschan, John Davidson (returned to Perth), Danny McCluskey (now Frankston), Mick Emin (now Royal Park).

with the hard-working Steve Aldridge.

It will be interesting to see Croydon coach Mike Plunkett's defensive strategy. Croydon fell down in the Ampol Cup semi-final because Slavia's strikers played so close together in the middle. Miele and cooped up Alan Pengho who meant the Croydon defence was continually pulled out of position and was often square.

Ajax coach Bill Vojetek eliminated that danger by playing virtually with three centre backs. Left back John Paton marked Alan Pengho and made sure the Croydon defence was continually pulled out of position and was often square.

Croydon may try a similar plan but whatever it's obvious the team needs a central figure to man to counter the speed of Paton and Williams, and the intelligent running of Aldridge.

Both teams are evenly matched, and have their share of top players.

PREDICTION: A score draw.

### HAKOAH AJAX

at Middle Park, South Melbourne

Sunday, April 8, 3 pm.

When Hakoah and Ajax locked horns in the Ampol Cup semi-final, the game looked set to be a draw. Neither side could seize control and it looked as though extra time would be needed.

Fate intervened, and Hakoah goalkeeper Bill Whiteside let a long-range shot from Dave Perkins (and the game) slip through his hands.

The opening round clash between Hakoah and Ajax will be another tight affair with a single goal again deciding the matter.

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### ALTONA v SUNSHINE

at Kim Reserve,

Altona

Sunday, April 8, 3 pm.

Because Altona and Sunshine are geographically close, there is a strong rivalry between the clubs. The competitive spirit may not be as fierce as a Croatia v Makedonia

match, but the rivalry still exists.

Rob and Dave are tough and skilful.

Full backs Hugh Howe and Mike Dixey are consistent defenders, and Will Leling, when fit again, will give the team creativeness up front.

Sunshine has injury worries at the moment, which could dog the team in early games. Laing, Jim McRobert and Nick Cook are on the sidelines.

Both sides play a forceful brand of soccer but could nullify each other.

PREDICTION: A score draw.

### JUVENTUS v FRANKSTON

at Olympic Park

Sunday, April 8, 3 pm

After a very slow start to the season, Juventus has emerged from its shell of poor form. The arrival of strikers George Gillan and Bobby McGuinness has had a lot to do with Juve's recent improvement.

Even though the supports would have to agree that last season Juve had no forward line. As a result the team struggled.

Gillan and McGuinness must fire if Juve's on-field progress is to match the behind-the-scenes work for re-building. Juventus wants to regain its massive support of yesterday. No amount of publicity of gimmicks will get the crowds back as effectively as a winning team would.

Frankston hopes to have its away game with Stavio on May 20. Steve Blair has arrived on May 11 and Frankston wants to play as many home games as possible during his stay.

Coach Bruce Bunce has had his share of problems with Frankston and still the team will have to improve if it wants to be up with the leaders.

1978 results — Juventus 1, Frankston 2; Juventus 0 Frankston 0.

PREDICTION: A draw.

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Slavia's Jamie Paton (right), top State League scorer for 1979, shoots past Ajax's sweeper John Cain in the Ampol Cup final.



# NO LUCK IN SUCCESS, SAYS WINNER VOJTEK

By  
KYLE  
PATTERSON

**T**here's one room in the Vojtek household which doesn't get considered when it comes to redecorating.

That room, which resembles a mini soccer museum, is invariably the centre of attention of Billy Vojtek's guests.

Covering three of the four walls are medals, trophies, pennants, photographs, badges and other souvenirs collected and won during Billy's distinguished soccer career.

And after 18 years at the top of Victorian club football, plus numerous successful trips into the international arena, Billy has an impressive collection.

Green Gully Ajax's recent Ampol Cup victory brought much satisfaction to Vojtek, in his first season as a player/coach. After the final against Slavia he skipped about boyishly with the enthusiasm of a youngster who just won a game.

The truth is Vojtek now has six Ampol Cup winners' medals, which is easily a record for the 25-year-old night competition. He also has the record of completing a hat-trick of Ampol Cup wins. He was with Essendon Croatia when that club took the Ampol Cup in 1977 and '78, and of course made it three in a row with Ajax.

Success has followed Vojtek since he burst into senior soccer in 1961. However, Bill maintains success doesn't follow a player, the player follows success.

"I've won a lot of medals," he said, "but nothing has come easy. Success is what you work hard for, and you only stay successful if you keep working hard."

Success is not from being lucky either. You make your own luck by working hard. I've always said luck goes with knowledge."

Bill can remember winning his first trophy in 1959. He was awarded the best and fairest trophy in Essendon under 13 team. His brother Jimmy, played in the same team.

In between his 1959 award and his most recent success, he won two Dockerty Cup winners' medals (once runner-up), a State League Cup winners' medal, two State League championships, an Australian Inter-cities Ampol Cup winners' medal (twice runner-up) and the Bill Merriman Medal for the best and fairest in the State League.

His incredible Ampol Cup record began in 1968.

Croatia defeated Slavia 2-1 after extra time with Vojtek scoring the winner.

It was the final major honor for the club, said Billy. "The Ampol Cup was a great year for us because we went on to win the championship and the Dockerty Cup."

In 1969 Croatia was defeated by South Melbourne in Vojtek's only Ampol Cup final.

"We lost 2-1," he said, "but it wasn't bad considering Duncan McKay was sent off and we had to play with 10 men."

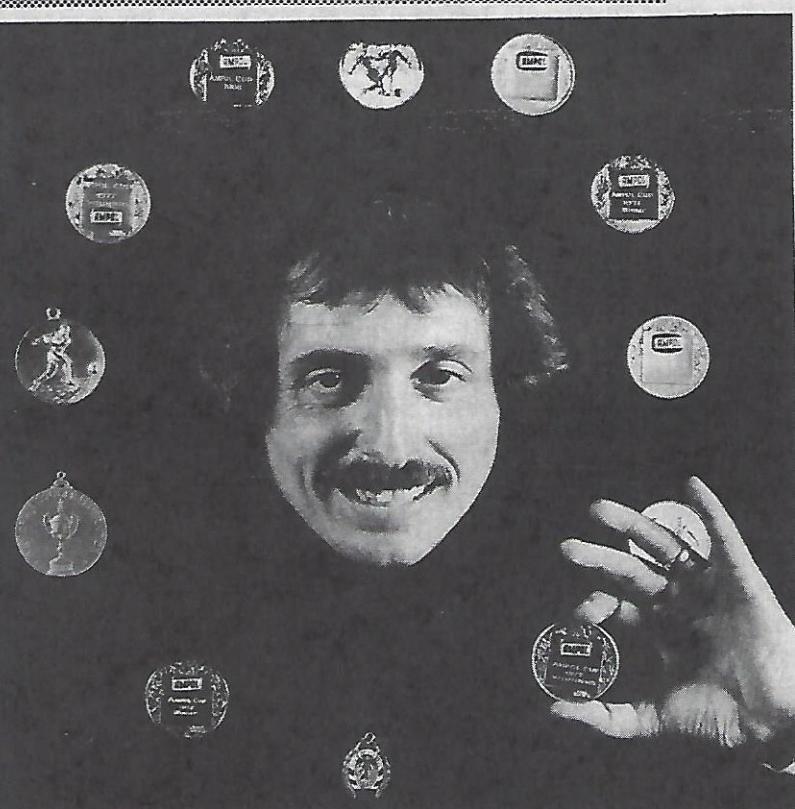
In 1971 Croatia had a memorable victory over Footscray, which scored 5-1 and Vojtek scored two goals.

The following year Croatia needed a replay to record the club's third Ampol Cup success.

Croatia drew 3-3 with George Cross, but won the replay 3-0. Then came Croatia's expulsion from the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Billy moved to Sydney to play with Sydney Croatia, and it was after a successful season with Juventus Melbourne that he returned to Croatia, which had regrouped and worked its way back into the State League.

In 1977, Vojtek won his fourth Ampol Cup when Croatia



Ajax player coach Billy Vojtek with some of the many medals he has won during his distinguished career. Picture by LES O'ROURKE.



Vojtek (left) with John Perin and Peter Wilson in Kavala during the Socceroos' 1970 World tour.

defeated George Cross 3-1. The fifth came in 1978 when Croatia edged out Preston Makedonia on penalties.

Although Bill rates Croatia's 1968 win as his most memorable, Ajax's triumph has special significance.

"Nobody realises how hard it is to be a player/coach," he said. "I hardly slept for days before the final because I wanted to win so much, and because as coach I have extra responsibility."

And when it came to penalties Vojtek did a work overtime to keep cool.

The first penalty in the show-down is vital," said Bill. "I took the first penalty kick to make sure we got a good start, but to be honest, I'm not very good at penalty kicks. The last time I took a penalty I missed it, and I missed a few before that."

Many players get scared, and don't want to take penalties. I scored the penalty against Slavia, which was important to me personally as well as to my team."

Goalscoring, however, has always been natural for Bill. He scored around 200 goals in club soccer and around 30 in representative matches for Victoria and Australia.

Bill remembers his effort of 1969 when he won \$100 for being top goalscorer in a six-a-side competition organised by Channel 9.

Speaking of six-a-side, Bill has achieved success playing with AR Split in various tournaments in Victoria. Split claims to be the uncrowned six-a-side champion of Victoria.

It was playing for AR Split he discovered Miroslav Kratin, the giant Ajax defender. Kratin played with Middelburg Utd's Second Division team last season and at one stage was in the reserves.

But Billy spotted his talent and started a rags to riches story.

Vojtek made his debut for Victoria in 1965 against Roma of Italy. His career with the State team spanned 11 years. His last game was against Velez Mostar of Yugoslavia.

Billy captained Victoria on numerous occasions, and was one of the most explosive forwards seen in the State team.

Vojtek played alongside many fine players in Victorian teams, and has nominated his top 20 players.

"It's difficult for me to pick the best 11," he said, "because there were so many good players."

Billy played his last game for Victoria in 1974.

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## Sydney City's hall of fame

Sydney City will honour five of its all-time greats from the past when it opens its Hall of Fame at the Hakoah Club in Bondi later next month.

The Hall of Fame is part of the club's efforts to rejuvenate interest in soccer within the club at the same time pay tribute to its past greats.

The first five players to be honoured at the black-tie dinner planned for next month will be former national team stars Ray Baartz, John Watkiss, Allan Marnoch, and Jimmy Mackay, and former Hakoah junior Robert Fekete.

Superb blown up action shots of the honoured five will be unveiled at the dinner and be permanently on display in prominent areas of the plush social club.

The backed photos (by courtesy of Anton Cermak) will carry a brief outline of the player's careers with Hakoah and Australia.

The Hall of Fame will be added to regularly, not only from stars of the immediate past but also from the club's earlier, and equally glorious, days.

Former club captain Allan Marnoch joined the club from Scotland in 1964 as a forward and before he retired in 1975, had established himself as one of the outstanding defenders and leaders in Australian soccer playing many times for the national team.

He is the only club player to have made more than 200 league appearances in the club's history.

John Watkiss, the current Sutherland player-coach, needs little introduction to soccer fans, neither does Ray Baartz.

Watkiss joined the club in 1968 for what was then an Australian record transfer fee of \$8000 from Apia.

His early days were troubled by injury when most thought the club had made a great mistake in outlaying such an amount off an injured player.

Of course the critics were silenced in typical Watkiss style before the end of the year when Hakoah won everything with Watkiss one of the main reasons for their success.

Watkiss at national team level was a leading light in Australia's first three World Cup campaigns — 1966, 1970 and 1974.

Watkiss transferred from the club to Sutherland in 1975.

Ray Baartz, played with Hakoah from 1967 till he was tragically struck down against Uruguay in the 1974 World Cup warm-up match at the Sydney Cricket Ground — an incident which prematurely ended the still blossoming career of a great player.

I well remember Baartz' first game for Hakoah for it was against St George. Baartz had just returned from a spell with Manchester United to his Newcastle club Adamstown, and Hakoah lost little time in signing him.

The previous week Saints had beaten Hakoah 2-0 to win the 1967 Ampol Cup final prior to signing Baartz.

The following week with Baartz, the same teams met in the first round of the championship — Hakoah won 5-0!

Jimmy Mackay, although only with the club for two seasons, 1973 and 1974, after being transferred from Croatia, Melbourne, he automatically earns the right in the Hall of Fame, for his historic goal against South Korea that got Australia through to the 1974 World Cup finals.

That famous boot is still on display in the club, thanks to the Australian Soccer Press Association's award to Ian Snouss last year as the best under 21 player. Mackay's boot is awarded each year by the ASPAF.

Intestate fans would know relatively little of Robert Fekete. Fekete played for the club from 1962-1974.

He was probably the most popular player to appear in the club's colours, being a product of the club's active youth policy in those days.

A broken leg brought about premature retirement for this talented player.

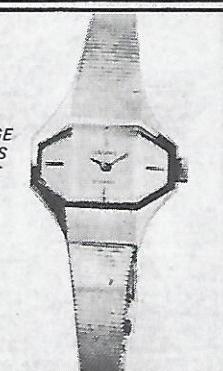
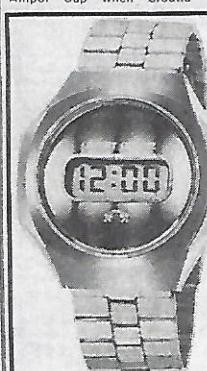
Mackay and Baartz will be brought from interstate for the gala evening. Marnoch, Watkiss and Fekete still reside in Sydney.

Very few clubs honour their stars of the past.

Once their playing days are over they are totally forgotten by clubs.



Ray Baartz (right) challenges South Korea's goalkeeper during an international match.



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## ROVERS HIRE CRAIG

Peter Craig is the new coach of Victorian Second Division club Doncaster Rovers.

Craig accepted the position at Doncaster after previous coach **Norm Hobson** resigned for personal reasons.

Hobson, a former coach of Croydon, lifted Doncaster from the Fourth to the Second Division in successive years after becoming coach in 1977.

Craig is a former coach of Waverley City and Box Hill. He played for Hearts in Scotland before coming to Australia to play for Box Hill.

His successes at Box Hill included winning the Cumberland Cup and the Second Division championship in 1976.

Doncaster kicks off its first season in the Second Division against Waverley City at Doncaster Reserve on Saturday.

Rovers will have the Doncaster and Templestowe Municipal Band playing before the game and at half time.

Doncaster had a quiet weekend in preparation for the league kick off but their club's third team played a friendly against Box Hill.

The Hillmen won 5-3 with goals from **Peter Verechia** (2), **Bob Longford** and **Lay**, Rovers scored an own goal.

**McIntosh** (2) and **Jackson**

put the ball in for Rovers.

Doncaster's youth 'A' team had an amazing victory against Fawkner. Playing with only nine players, Rovers won 2-1 with two goals from **Biffi**.

Any interested clubs can contact Joe on 309 7210 after hours.

## MARMUR JOINS ARDEER

Former Polonia star defender **Eddy Marmur** (pictured) has joined Victorian First Division club Ardeer.

He will play in the first round of the league at the weekend.

## Thompson to switch

Green Gully Ajax full back **Joe Thompson** wants to leave the club.

Thompson was unhappy about being excluded from the Ajax team for the Ampol Cup final. Thompson played in five preliminary matches during the Cup series but was dropped for the semi final, and not included even as a reserve for the final.

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## Ajax boys need coach

Green Gully Ajax is looking for a coach for its under 11B team.

Anyone interested should contact **Charlie Venes** on 393 2415 (work).

## Cup final referee

### referee

LONDON, Ron Challis, 46, a magazine production manager from Tonbridge, Kent, will be in charge of the FA Cup final at Wembley on May 12.

Mr Challis, a referee for 11 years, was linesman for the 1975 final.

One of Makedonia's imports, John Higham, heads clear over Stewart Blair of Hakoah.



Frankston City brothers Vince (left) and Ged Bannon stand by as Croydon prepares to take a corner.

## Provisional league

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP results. Sunbury 1, Geelong 4, Thomastown 1, Bendigo City 0, Melton 3, Williamstown 4, North Geelong 5, Carlton 1, Nunawading 1, Essendon 1, East Brunswick 0, University of Melbourne 3, South Dandenong 3 (AET) (University of Melbourne won 4-3 on penalties). Moe United 2, Hobson United (AET) (Moe United won 5-0 on penalties). Hawthorn 1, Royal Park 1 (Hawthorn won 7-6 on penalties).

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## Second round matches

### GG — AJAX 5 WESTERN SUBURBS 2 act

Scorers Carr 27, 69, 91, Vojtek 104, Segi 109 (Gully); Moore 25, 50 (W. Subs).

Ajax: Denmyas, Donaldson, Cain, Larin, Patten, Vassallo, McCarthy, Vojtek, Perkin, Carr, Segi.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mitandis, (retired int. 94th), Kypriditis, Jaworski, Glykokalamos, Dagles, Christoudias (Skoriss 68th) Moore, Czepnik, Santangeli (Hebble 46th), Pocock, Theodorides. Retiree: Lou Hemmes.

Steve Carr netted a hat-trick as Green Gully Ajax were stretched to extra time on their way to the quarter finals of the Dockey Cup.

The Ampol Cup winners relaxed visibly after hitting the front in the 27th minute and they paid the penalty as Western Suburbs equalised and then took the lead after the restart.

Carr's opening goal illustrated the striker's sharpness in the yard box. Willie Vassallo's short throw-in on the right flank was pumped into the area by Andy Segi and Carr moved like lightning to get to the end of it and had himself past a stranded Mitandis.

Western Suburbs' two goals came from dead ball situations.

They equalised only two minutes after Gully's goal. Steve Moore took the free kick from outside the penalty area and the shot deflected into the net off a defender.

Moore stood out as Western Suburbs best player. He backed his front runner when the team was going forward and was always ready to have a go at goal himself.

His second goal five minutes after the break also came from a free kick, this time awarded for Ian McCarthy's foul on Ray Pocock. Moore's kick evaded the badly organised wall and the ball hit the upright on its way in the net.

Man of the match was Peter Donaldson. The Gully full back, facing stiff opposition from Stan Klein and Joe Thompson for the first team spot, played like his life depended on it.

His tackling was superb and his overall performance was outstanding. Gully's extra man of attack. Late in the match he was unlucky not to end up on the score sheet with a scorching 30 metre shot.

### GEORGE CROSS 1 SLAVIA 3

Scorers: Mizzi 2 (Cross), Aldridge 19, Paton 41, Williams 58 (Slavia).

GEORGE CROSS: Rice, Cutajar, Maitland, Wilkinson (Rizzo 46th), Barron, Castillo, Mirak, Paparas, Thom, Blilic, (Siciliano 46th), Mitzi.

SLAVIA: McPherson, Thompson, Westley, Yzendoorn, Pye, Brindle, Train, Tuf, Aldridge (Monaghan 78th) Paton, Williams.

Referee: Chris Embrecombe.

George Cross will step up their search in the transfer market after struggling through most of this match.

Coach Johnny Sanchez had a meeting behind closed doors with president Paul Borg and team manager Vince Muscat after the match and declared that the club is chasing six players locally.

"We might get two, or we might get four but we are talking to six players at present," he said. "What you saw out there was a makeshift side because we haven't got the players."

Yet this 'Cross line-up had only three changes from the side that beat Slavia in the Ampol Cup three weeks ago.

Gerry Rice played in goal in place of Sven Mattsson (out with a throat infection). Jim Paparas slotted into midfield instead of Frank Mifaud, and Laurie Blilic came in for Steve Sandomo.

Cross hit the front with their first attack. Robert Mirak beat two defenders before crossing for Ray Mizzi to net from close range.

Slavia, playing in an old Victorian State strip borrowed before the match because of a colour clash, slowly settled into their rhythm and gained the upper hand.

Despite the present state of affairs Sanchez is not disheartened and expects to do well in the league. "We want to win," he said as we walked out of the dressing rooms. — PETER DESIRA

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**Koreans pull out of cup**

Indonesia has replaced North Korea in the finals of the world youth championships for the Coca-Cola Cup.

North Korea withdrew from the competition, to be staged in Japan from August 25 to September 7.

Groupings are:

GROUP A: Japan, Spain, Mexico, Algeria.

GROUP B: Poland, Yugoslavia, Argentina, Indonesia.

GROUP C: Canada, Portugal, Paraguay, Kora Republic (3rd Korea).

GROUP D: USSR, Hungary, Uruguay, Guinea.

Quarter-finals will be played in Mitsuzawa on September 2, semi-finals in Tokyo on September 4 and the final in Tokyo on September 7.

Programme for the preliminary matches is:

## Ban for Iwan

In news from Poland, striker Andrzej Skorkiewicz has to leave Stal Mielec and Wisla Krakow's Andrzej Iwan faces a ban after being involved in a bar brawl.



Mario Kempes (left) is jubilant after scoring for Argentina in the World Cup final. Kempes was voted South America's top player.

## Kempes top Latin

Mario Kempes is the not surprising choice as South America's Footballer of the Year — the first time in eight years of the poll conducted by *El Mundo de Caras* that the prize has gone to a European-based player.

Kempes' World Cup achievements — top scorer, best player award, hitting two goals in the final — were the obvious rewards.

The Valencia striker, who is just now starting to show something

like his old form in the Spanish League after a long hard winter, totalled 78 points. Second was Argentine colleague Ubaldo Fillo, with 59, and third the Brazil midfielder, Dirceu, on 48.

Yet Dirceu, like Kempes, has been having a tough time since the World Cup. Transferred from Valencia Camp to America FC of Mexico, he couldn't get on with coach Raul Cardenas. After refusing to play in a game against Monterrey, he was suspended

later earning a recall only as a striker.

1978 VOTING: 1. Mario Kempes (Valencia, Argentina) 78 pts. 2. Ubaldo Fillo (River Plate, Argentina) 59; 3. Dirceu (America FC, Brazil) 48; 4. Daniel Pachano (River Plate, Argentina) 29; 5. Teodoro Cubillas (Alianza, Peru) 19; 6. Elias Figueroa (Palestino, Chile) 7; 7. Ricardo Bochini (Independiente, Argentina) 6; 8. Cesar Cueto (Alianza, Peru) 5; 9. Roberto Rivellino (El-Hejal, Brazil) 4; 10. Osvaldo Ardiles (Tottenham, Argentina) 3.

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## IRAQ WILL BE THREAT TO 'ROOS

Iraq joined the ranks of the Asian super teams by beating East Germany, Finland and Sweden in Baghdad recently.

The results are significant to Australia, because Iraq may be one of the Socceroos' opponents in the 1981 World Cup qualifying series.

Iraq beat Finland 1-0 and 2-0 and Sweden 1-0. It drew 1-1 with East Germany and won the return match 2-1 three days later.

Meanwhile, Israel maintained its standing alongside Iran and Iraq as the best of the Middle East teams by beating Greece 4-1 two weeks after losing 1-0 to Austria.

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The latest list of full international results from "FIFA News":

1978		
25.11	Grenada Grenada v Barbados 2:0	
(1:0)	26.11	Grenada Grenada v Barbados 0:0
(0:0)	23.12	Malta Philippines v Mexico 1:2
(1:1)	25.12	Malta Korea Rep v Mexico 4:1
(3:0)	Manuel China PR v Philippines 3:0 (0:0)	
(0:0)	27.12	Malta Philippines v Korea Rep.
(0:0)	28.12	Manila Macao v China PR 12 (1:1)
(1:0)	29.12	Manila Korea Rep v China PR 1:0
(0:0)	1979	
27.1	Monrovia Togo v Ivory Coast 1:0	
(0:0)	28.1	Monrovia Liberia v Guinea 2:1
(1:0)		
	22 (2:1)	
	Tunis Tunisia v Poland 0:0 (0:0)	
	23.2	Baghdad Iraq v Sweden 1:0 (0:0)

## McClymont a hit with Stranraer

From JIM COOK

**Billy McClymont** the former Preston Makedonia midfielder is now playing with Scottish Second Division side — Stranraer. **Billy recently scored two goals in 17 minutes.**

Millwall, who have had their ground closed, drink sales banned and a 1500 pounds fine over terracing trouble-makers, could have an all-seater covered stadium costing 10 million pounds by 1982. The complex would be sponsored by a huge dairy business.

With catenaccio their shock weapon, Rocco brought Padova up into Series A before moving to Milan in 1961 and beginning the famous partnership with Gianni Rivera which would endure to the end.

All Milan's great successes in the past 20 years were Rocco's. It was his tough discipline which turned Milan from also-rans into champions in 1962 and European Cup-winners the following year.

Significantly his departure in the start of last season was soon followed by Millan's collapse and it was only after his return from a four-year stint at Torino in 1967 that Millan regained both the championship and the European title.

Another Cup-winners' Cup was claimed before Rocco moved on to Fiorentina in 1974.

Littlewoods Pool boss **Colin Moore** is to quit his job at 76 and his nephew Peter takes over chairman of the pools section. Littlewoods is a vast empire other than their pools.

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**Peter Bonetti** (38) who has given almost 20 years service to Chelsea, had seven caps for

29.1 Monrovia Gambia v Ivory Coast 2:1 (1:1)

30.1 Monrovia Guinea v Senegal 1:1 (1:1)

Tel Aviv Israel v Austria 0:1 (0:0)

31.1 Monrovia Togo v Gambia 2:1 (1:0)

32.1 Monrovia Togo v Senegal 1:1 (1:1)

Scatti USA v USSR 1:3 (1:2)

42.2 Monrovia Liberia v Gambia 1:0 (1:0)

52.2 Baghdad Iraq v Finland 1:0 (0:0)

62.2 Monterrey Mexico v USSR 1:0 (0:0)

72.2 Dimitrov Bulgaria v Honduras 1:1 (0:1)

Baghdad Iraq v Finland 2:0 (2:0)

82.2 Tampico Mexico v USSR 1:1 (1:0)

92.2 Baghdad Iraq v German DR 1:1 (0:0)

122.2 Baghdad Iraq v German DR 2:1 (0:1)

142.2 Tel-Aviv Israel v Greece 0:1 (3:1)

182.2 Nachschitz Maritania v Morocco 2:2 (2:2)

Tunis Tunisia v Poland 0:0 (0:0)

232.2 Baghdad Iraq v Sweden 1:0 (0:0)



Bill McClymont

England and been a member of the club's successful sides in the FA Cup, League and European Cup-winners' Cup. He is reported to be offered a new contract at the end of the season. McMenemy not long back turned down lucrative offers to boss both Sunderland and Leeds.

Three Yugoslavs are now in English First Division football. They are Ivan Golac, the Southampton defender, Petar Borota the Chelsea goalkeeper and Bosko Jankovic the Middlesbrough forward.

**Trevor Francis** will live in a mansion, have five servants, drive a Cadillac and earn twice as much money as he will all next year with Notts Forest when he plays summer soccer in USA.

**David Shackleton**, the 19-year-old son of that all-time English great Len Shackleton is joining Washington Diplomats.

Norwich City will have to battle through the rest of the season without their first and second team keepers — Kevin Keelan and Clive Baker — as both are out with injuries.

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**Alejan Simonian** Borussia's European Footballer of the Year may join Barcelona for 750,000 pounds. Meantime the Danish striker is suffering from a thigh strain.

**Bristol City** are likely to sign Finnish international winger **Pertti Jantunen** and they are also interested in Ajax winger **Geert Meijer**.

**Dr Peter Burrows**, the England and Luton medical adviser collapsed and died while he was out on a jogging exercise. He was 53.

**Willie McMenemy**

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# EAGLES CLAW THE SCOTS

Melita Eagles gave Arncliffe Scots a football lesson before winning 3-0 at Garside Park.

Midfielders Colin McCusland and Ray Ferrugia consistently opened wide gaps in a shaky Arncliffe defence.

Only some superb saves by Norm Rogers in the Arncliffe goal kept the scores down to a respectable margin.

It took only three minutes for Melita to take the lead when McCusland's pass in the goalmouth was hit by Don Allan for the first goal.

After making two consecutive saves Rogers was beaten again in the 14th minute, this time from a six-metre shot by Ferrugia from a cross by Brian Parker.

Melita continued to dominate the game after the interval and soon enough went further ahead.

In the 61st minute talented fullback Bob McPherson

shot a shot from near the corner flag deceiving Rogers. The ball rolled into the net.

★ ★ ★

Croatia, after a scoreless first half comfortably beat Avala 3-1 in their match at the Ironbridge Reserve.

The pattern for much of the game was set almost from the kick off.

Avala left-winger Allan Griff

won the ball from fullback Peter Mullen to see his

powerful shot hit the post.

In the 12th minute, Croatia could have opened their account, but centre-forward Attili Abonyi's header hit the cross bar.

In the 31st minute, Croatia

goalkeeper Steve Watson

misjudged a long ball from

fullback Steve Voller saved on the line both times.

Croatia opened the scoring in the 61st minute when left-winger Maurizio Sullivan beat a defender on the left, and sent a high ball to Abonyi on the right.

Abonyi lobbed the ball into the centre where front runner Frank Layden made no mistake with a beautiful back header.

Four minutes later Layden

netted again, beating centre-half Rod Roden to the angling on the ball past the keeper.

Croatia went further ahead in the 76th minute when Sullivan rounded fullback Mladen Lenjak and the keeper Mick Mikolajczyk.

Avala's consolidation goal came in the 80th minute when front runner Eddie Patterson pushed the ball towards the goal. It hit the post and bounced into the net.

Avala should have made it 2-3 in the 89th minute, but Patterson's penalty kick was saved by Watson.

★ ★ ★

Complacency after securing an early lead cost Marrickville Olympic a point in their 1-1 draw with Bankstown at Arlinton Oval.

A confident Olympic side dominated the first half after tall forward Jim Ziros accurately headed home a free kick in the 19th minute.

But missed chances and a steady second-half revival by Bankstown forced Olympic to a draw.

Skillful build-ups were wasted by bad shooting.

This was highlighted shortly after the restart when Olympic's Ross Brown had only to beat the goalkeeper but kicked the ball wide of the goal.

A late substitution by Banks-ton saw David Tansley head the equaliser with only ten minutes to go.

Olympic, shocked by the goal, fought desperately to retrieve the lead but three superb saves by goalie Tim Greedy kept the scores level. \* \* \*

State League leaders Sutherland were held to a two all draw by country rivals Inter Monaro at Queanbeyan.

Sutherland led 2-0 at half time and looked to have points, but Monaro fought back magnificently.

For Sutherland Craig Hall scored in the third minute and Jim Basterfield three minutes before half-time.

Water Valeri pulled one goal back from the penalty spot and scored following a corner to put Inter Monaro level.

Sutherland striker Peter Beggs was sent off late in the game following a linesman's report.

Sutherland began confidently and only after three minutes Beggs beat Aldo Charles and crossed for Hall to flick in.

The competition leaders midfield dominance kept Monaro under pressure, but Sutherland were not able to create many openings.

Monaro counter-attacked swiftly and carved a number of openings but goalie Phil Crags pulled off some magnificent saves.

Just as Monaro looked likely to equalise, Basterfield scored with a dipping shot.

In the second half, Monaro pressed forward and after four chances had gone begging Valeri scored from the spot when a defender had handled the ball.

Valeri salvaged a point for Monaro with a well-taken goal in the 80th minute.

★ ★ ★

Auburn and Toongabbie staged an exciting 2-2 draw in their clash at Mona Park.

Auburn grabbed their first in 15th minute through a penalty by Willie Hamilton, and went two up in the 34th minute when their new signing Steve Montgomery scored his first goal for the club.

But the second half was a complete reversal with Toongabbie dominant from the outset.

In the 76th minute Steve Pollard defeated a Dave Harding drive into the net, and two minutes later Alan Fisher scored to give Toongabbie a point.

★ ★ ★

Two goals by David Jack lifted Manly to a smart 3-1 victory over Yugal in the match at Cromer Park.

For most of the first 30 minutes, play was concentrated in midfield with neither goalkeeper being tested.

Hector Rodas had one good shot for Yugal, but the Manly keeper Clark Woods saved well.

Awarded a free kick on the right, Graville's John Forwood chipped over a neat free kick for Tom Morrow to head on to头 for Peter Roden, who scored from close range.

A minute later, Herren again chased a weak back pass from Kevin Lackey to round the Graville keeper, Barry Hoare and put his side into an unassailable 3-1 lead.

Graville never recovered from this shock and were unable to lift their game allowing Ku-ring-gai to run out easy winners at the finish.

In the 52nd minute Roolie Rozendoor split the Yugal defence with a neat pass enabling Jack to put Manly into the lead.

Joe Nawala increased the lead for Manly in the 64th minute when he collected a loose ball fol-

## NSW State League

**Auburn 2 (Hamilton, Montgomery) Toongabbie 2, (Pollard Fisher) at Mona Park. Crowd: 500.**

**Croatia 3 (Leyden 2, Sullivan) Avala 1 (Patterson) at Bridge Reserve. Crowd: 1855.**

**Bankstown 1 (Tansley) Marrickville Olympic 1, (Ziros) at Arlington. Crowd: 580.**

**Monaro 2 (Valeri 2) Sutherland 2 (Hall Basfield). Crowd: 927.**

**Manila 3 (Allan, Farrugia, McPherson) Arncliffe 0 at Garside Park. Crowd: 1650.**

**Ku-ring-gai 3 (Lee, Herron, Selfridge) Granville 1 (Rodon) at Garside Park. Crowd: 279.**

**Manly 3 (Jack 2 Nawala) Yugal 1 (Rodas) at Cromer Park. Crowd: 480.**

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland.....	2	1	4	5		
Croatia.....	2	1	6	3	5	
Toongabbie.....	1	2	7	4	4	
Manila.....	1	2	5	2	4	
Bankstown.....	1	2	5	4	4	
Manly.....	1	1	4	3	3	
Marrick Olympic.....	1	1	3	3	3	
Auburn.....	2	1	6	7	2	
Monaro.....	2	1	5	6	2	
Kuringai.....	1	1	3	4	2	
Arncliffe.....	1	1	2	3	2	
Granville.....	1	2	4	6	2	
Yugal.....	2	1	5	0		
Avala.....	2	1	6	0		

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# READERS AGREE: STANDARD POOR



A view from the junior ranks  
BY LEIF JENSEN

I received a lot of letters last week, all agreeing that our junior soccer is on the downhill grade.

The first letter I opened dealt with the "old dad coach" and I will answer it later.

**Mr. Makris** from S. M. Hellas writes: "First I would like to congratulate you on the great job you are doing in "Soccer Action" with your articles. The reason that I am writing you this letter is about old dad coaches."

Your don't know how lucky we are at Hellas this year to have Mr. George Karaykylas as coach for our U/12s. He has never

been on a coaching course but I still say he is the best junior coach in Victoria (but then he was coached by the best coaches in Victoria when he was a player).

He says that the only way boys will learn is by training, not by theory. Like some of the qualified coaches do. You must show the boys how to kick past and how to head the ball. Do you think he is right or wrong?

Another letter received is very interesting. We print it so that you can comment on it if you wish.

Mr. written: "Your article in this week's "Soccer Action" about junior soccer going to the pack is quite true. But forgive me it's not only junior, but also senior soccer."

However, you would not call George an "old dad coach". He is certainly not the type I was thinking about. He is in my opinion a very good junior coach, and if he would go on a coaching course he would be magic."

Mooroolbark's Nick van Egmond, son of the former Victorian State goalkeeper of the same name, won a one-against-one competition run as part of Worlds Sports Expo at the Exhibition Buildings in Melbourne recently.

Sixteen under 12 and under 13 boys from Mooroolbark, Hampton, Box Hill and Meadow Park took part in the competition.

During two one-minute halves, the boys had to hit markers in each corner of the court.

The photograph shows Nick van Egmond (right) and runner-up Ian Jacoby of Hampton.

## ZIKA NIKOLIC



UTAKMICA ZUGUBLJENIH PRILIKE

JUST - BRISBANE LIONS 3 (3.0)

JUST je u nedelji propustio priliku da porazi Lavove iz Bribane i da ovoj

TRECI budi.

Dok se prvi deo lige, bez grana savesti, moze se nazvati poluvremene konstrukтивne igre i istorijske situacije, drugi deo definitivno je bio poluvremene gresaka.

Nesuglas obrazane, Javori igre i sebicnost navalnih igrača kostala je JUST-a treći bod.

Iako je uverenje na klapu, Cirković je oduševio da u drugom poluvremenu ne

menja pobednički tim i puni namrta umesto kise golova, gleđamo

dospodnji repuz prapodstavljanje mrtvice apstije i otpusnu nebezdravosti igrača prema nevjernim nervima.

Jedan od najkomplikatijih farsa "prich", Petar Orlerton, bio je najusamljeniji igrač u celoj ligi. U nekoliko crudnijih trenutaka imao sam neprisilan oscarenje

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# Philips League Club Directory

## ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001 (08) 332 5614



**SECRETARY:** G. Ursini (08) 31 0778

**COACH:** R. Rasic

**GROUND:** Olympic Sports Field, Kensington (08) 31 1844.

**COLOURS:** Black & White.

This week's Match: v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED at Olympic Sports field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm

## BRISBANE CITY

P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001  
Club phone: 356 8834



**SECRETARY:** G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711.

**COACH:** N. Saftich.

**GROUND:** Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.

**SPONSOR:** Montrose Wines & Spirits Pty Limited  
Retail Cellar Sales, 398 Montrose Rd.  
West End Brisbane. Phone 44 7320.

This week's match: v HEIDELBERG UNITED at (Olympic Park no.1 ground) Melbourne Sunday 3 pm

## HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

**SECRETARY:** A. Loustas 419 2588.

**COACH:** J. Margaritis.

**GROUND:** Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb. (03) 42 0642.

**COLOURS:** Black & Gold.

\* GIRLS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN MISS ALEXANDER QUEST SHOULD CONTACT THE SECRETARY.

This week's match: v BRISBANE CITY at Olympic Park (No.1 ground) (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm



## NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

**SECRETARY:** P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

**COACH:** A. Vest

**GROUND:** International Sports Centre, Turton Rd., New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

**SPONSOR:** Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer



This week's match v ADELAIDE CITY Olympic Sports field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm

## SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182



**SECRETARY:** N. Sagiakos, Bus (03) 211 1247

**MANAGER:** D. McLaren

**GROUND:** Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

**COLOURS:** Blue & White

This week's match: v BRISBANE LIONS at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm

## WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

**SECRETARY:** D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311.

**COACH:** T. Forde.

**GROUND:** Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.



This week's match: v CANBERRA CITY at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Saturday 3 pm

## A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 4040.

**SECRETARY:** H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

**COACH:** J. Adam.

**GROUND:** Wentworth Park, Glebe. Phone (02) 660 7431.

**COLOURS:** Burgundy & Sky Blue.



This week's match: v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Pratten Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

## BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD. 4077



**SECRETARY:** S. Boegheim (07) 377 2891

**COACH:** E. Spearritt.

**GROUND:** Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne. (07) 52 5328.

**COLOURS:** All Orange with Blue Stripe.

This week's mach: v SOUTH MELBOURNE at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm

## CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600



**SECRETARY:** David Dillon 48 8917 (W) 54 1787 (L)

**COACH:** V. Fernandez

**GROUND:** National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

**SPONSOR:** BRIAN POLLOCK Ford

This week's match: v WEST ADELAIDE at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Saturday 3 pm

## FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

**SPONSOR:**



**SECRETARY:** H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

**COACH:** C. Cirkovic

**GROUND:** Olympic Park, Swan St, Melb (03) 42 0642

**COLOURS:** Blue White Red.

This week's match: v SYDNEY CITY at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

## MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176



**SECRETARY:** L. Sartoretto (02) 604 5222.

**COACH:** L. Scheinflug.

**GROUND:** Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.

This week's match: v ST GEORGE at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

## ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.



**GENERAL MANAGER:** L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

**COACH:** J. Gelei.

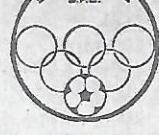
**GROUND:** St George Stadium, Rockdale

**COLOURS:** White, Red & Green.

This week's match: v MARCONI at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

## SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181 SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000



**SECRETARY:** N Smilas (Bus) (02) 72 0661.

**COACH:** J. Marston.

**GROUND:** Pratten Park, Ashfield.

**SPONSOR:** epatra

This week's match: v A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT at Pratten Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

## SYDNEY CITY

61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.



**SECRETARY:** H. K. Lakmaker (02) 30 3344 (Mornings).

663 4576 (Afternoons).

**COACH:** G. Chaldi.

**GROUND:** Wentworth Park Glebe, NSW

Phone (02) 660 7431.

**SPONSOR:** PRESTO SMALLGOODS and City Ford.

This week's match: v FOOTSCRAY at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm